

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**January 29, 2008 MINUTES**

On Tuesday, January 29, 2008, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners David Schulz, Marilyn Ross, and Jim Hart present.

Marilyn Ross moved to approve the January 22, 2008, minutes as corrected. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Charity Fechter, Jim Jarvis, Karen Brown, Stacy Reid, Peggy Kaatz, and Wayne Lower.

**Claims:** The Board approved claims.

**Cactus Ridge Preliminary Plat:** This portion of the meeting was canceled because the Planning Board meeting was postponed due to bad weather.

**Sky View Subdivision Bond Release:** Charity Fechter, Planning Director, and Jim Jarvis, Planner II, met with the Board to discuss the release of the Letter of Credit for Sky View Subdivision. As recommended by the Planning Staff, Jim Hart moved to release the Sky View Subdivision Improvements Agreement and Letter of Credit #2006-10, drawn under First Madison Valley Bank in the amount of \$81,000.00 and filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office as Document #118380. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Alpenglow Letter of Credit Extension:** Charity Fechter, Planning Director, and Jim Jarvis, Planner II, met with the Board to discuss an extension of the Letter of Credit for Alpenglow Condominiums. As recommended by the Planning Staff, Jim Hart moved to extend to December 1, 2008, the Alpenglow Condominium Subdivision Improvements Agreement and Letter of Credit #2302020-12 from Big Sky Western Bank in the amount of \$21,375.00 on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office as Document #103066. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Sagebrush Energy Set Hearing Date for Norris Hill Wind Project:** Charity Fechter, Planning Director, and Jim Jarvis, Planner II, met with the Board to discuss an application from Sagebrush Energy to place eight wind turbines on 600 acres near Norris Hill. Commissioner Schulz stated that although tower permits are not required to be reviewed by the Planning Board he would like to hear comments from them. The Board set a Public Hearing for March 11, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Charity presented the Board with an agenda for a joint meeting with Planning Boards, Commissioners, and others relevant to the Planning process, to be held at the Bethany Hall in Sheridan on Friday, March 14, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Jim and Charity also reviewed information regarding streamside protection and public input that has been received to date.

**Airports:** David Schulz reported that he and John Hauck attended a Montana Aeronautics Board meeting in Helena on January 23, 2008, that the Ennis snow removal truck had arrived but the sweeper had not, and that another invoice for previous snow removal had been sent to Eisinger Motors.

**Road Research Analyst Position:** Stacy Reid, Road Research Analyst, met with the Board to discuss the progress she has made on road research. Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder, and Karen Brown, GIS/IT, were also present for this portion of the meeting. Topics of discussion were cross referencing Stacy's research with 911 records, purchasing an additional copier for the Clerk and Recorder's office, access to General Land Office records, and options for providing completed information to the public.

**Public Discussion:** Wayne Lower, Subdivider, stopped in at the meeting to request that the Lower Family Ranch Subdivision be put back on the Commission meeting agenda. David Schulz stated that he had been in contact with Andy Suenram, Attorney for the Lower Family, and will work out the details for rescheduling this topic on the agenda.

**County Office Space:** The Board discussed the Conditional Use Permit Application submitted to the Town of Virginia City requesting that the County be allowed to use the Lee Residence for office space rather than residential use. A concern of the Town is the amount of parking that will be needed if the residence is used for offices. The Board will request that Roger Staley, Maintenance, estimate the number of offices that would be moved and the amount of parking that will be needed at the Lee Residence.

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**Virginia City Planning Board:** Marilyn Ross moved to affirm the appointment of Steve Weddle to the Virginia City Planning Board, reflecting Mayor Hamilton's letter of January 23, 2008. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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David Schulz, Chairman  
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: February 5, 2008

Minutes prepared by:

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Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County